



Use the Full Scope of ArkivDigital for Swedish Genealogy

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ArkivDigital (AD) was founded in 2005 as a company to offer high quality, digital copies of Swedish records in color. Today they have about 58 million images in their collections (see the ArkivDigital Coverage Table.)

Notice how ArkivDigital has the main record types of household exam, birth, marriage, death, and moving records (the big 5) for all the parish collections before 1894. Now look at the rest of the collections they offer. We use these records in combination with the main parish records to find our Swedish ancestors. The goal of this class is to help you use the “full scope” of ArkivDigital’s collections. This content will be presented with the intent that you can follow along and do the steps as we go. So log into ArkivDigital and let’s get started.

NAD link and Info box

Class Activity	Value
1. Type Bankeryd in the Search Archive field. Click on the parish and then on the link next to NAD.	See what’s in the Swedish National Archives catalog for the parish you are searching.
2. Look at the Info box information. Län = County Pastorat = Deanery Härad or Tingslag = court district	See what county a parish belonged to through the years. Discover the names of the other parishes in the pastorat (sometimes the mother and annex parishes got mixed up in record keeping.)

Use the full Scope of Records listed with the Parish

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3. Scroll to the bottom of records associated to Bankeryd parish.	This is where you will find parish records beyond the big 5 that are available through AD.

Use the full Scope of Records listed with the Parish *Continued*

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4. Double click on the volume type: General muster rolls for Jönköpings regemente.	This leads you to the registration lists for the soldiers which came from Bankeryd parish for Jönköpings regiment. The lists are organized by Regiment and then company.
5. Double click on Printed documents at the bottom of the General muster rolls list.	This is a digitized reference tool called: Statistiskt Sammandrag af Svenska Indelningsverket by Claes Lorentz Grill. Which helps you find the regiment and company.
6. a – Now open a new Search tab by clicking on the binocular symbol (top left.) Type the word Flottan in the search field. b – Click on the collection name: Rullor flottan 1635 – 1915.	a – This is a list of collection names for Navy records. b – These are the registration lists for the navy sailors (båtsmen) along with other navy records. They are organized by localities belonging to a Station.
7. a – Click on the Search tab for Bankeryd . Scroll down the parish records and double click the volume: Estate Inventories 1737 - 1890. b – Scroll down and double click on either of Estate inventory registers.	a – This takes you to the court records for Tveta häradsrätt which included probates (estate inventories.) b – These are alphabetical indexes for the probates of Tveta härad. There are 2 volumes (surnames A-J, and K-Ö.) You look up the ancestor by surname to see if there is a probate. If so you go to the year of actual estate inventory (step a) and then the page number.

Advanced Options

Another way to find “non-parish” records such as: tax records, mining district records, and county or city administration records is through the “Advanced options >>” function. By default this is not open unless you click on it.

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8. Click on the Advanced options >> icon, and then on the “Archive type” dropdown menu. Scroll down the entire list.	This is a list of over 100 collection types. Some titles are in English. Others are in Swedish when there is no good translation.

Advanced Options *Continued*

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9. Click on the County drop down menu.	Scroll down the list of counties. Notice that Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma are also listed with the counties. This is where you can find Swedish American church records for those states.
<p>10. Now let's see where to find Mantals tax records. Set the Archive type, County, and Province dropdown menus back to their default: No type, No County, and No province.</p> <p>a – Type the word Landskontor in the search field. Click on the County that you want to search.</p> <p>b – Mantalslängder can also be found if you type the word Häradsskrivaren in the search field.</p>	<p>a - This shows all the County administrative offices for taxation.</p> <p>b – This shows the district taxation records.</p> <p>The Mantals tax has been called Population register in ArkivDigital.</p> <p>The actual Mantalslängder are organized by härad and then parish.</p>
<p>11. To find the collections for a County Office of Travel Permissions. Set the Archive type, County, and Province dropdown menus back to their default.</p> <p>a – Type the word Landskansli in the search field.</p> <p>b – Click the County that you want to search (for ex. Gävleborg.)</p>	<p>This shows the County administrative office for permissions (which include for travel.) Look for records called: Passport journals, Inkomna pass, Documents relating to travelers., or Passliggare.</p>
<p>12. Court records can be found by typing the word Häradsrätt in the search field.</p> <p>a – Click on the name of the häradsrätt (judicial district) that you need.</p>	<p>a – This will show you all the court records for a judicial district that are available on ArkivDigital (which includes estate inventories and court sessions.)</p>

Key Words Used in ArkivDigital (w/ language set to English)

ArkivDigital Term	Additional Info	Swedish Term
Household records	Also known as household exams, clerical surveys.	Husförhörslängd
Congregation records	These are essentially household records with less religious emphasis.	Församlingsbok
Moving in records	This is a record of people moving into the parish.	Inflyttningslängd
Moving out records	A record of people moving out of the parish (may include references to people moving from one place to another in the same parish.)	Utflyttningslängd
Birth and Christening records	The earliest examples may be a record of christenings (no birth date.)	Födelse och dopbok
Banns and Marriage records	This is a record of public banns (announcements to marry) and marriage information.	Lysnings och vigselbok
Death and Burial records	The earliest examples may be a record of burials (no death date.)	Död och begravningsbok
General muster rolls	This are the lists of soldiers for the local companies and their regiments.	Generalmönsterrullor
Estate inventories	Also known as probate records. The 1734 Swedish law stated that all people in the kingdom should have a probate done, unless they were extremely poor. Not all probates were preserved.	Bouppteckningar
Population register	These are the Mantalslängd tax records, which did not include the entire population. It was a flat tax for all people between 15 and 63 (depending on the time period.)	Mantalslängd
Catechetical records	This is a record of youth who were confirmed at about 15 years old.	Konfirmationsbok
Communion records	This is a record of when people partook of the Holy Communion (sacrament.) May not include youth under the age of confirmation.	Kommunionlängd
Räkenskaper för kyrkan	Church financial record which might show donations at the time of a christening, marriage, or burial.	Räkenskaper för kyrkan
Records over non-existing persons	This is a record of people who location is unknown, but not dead or declared dead.	Obefintlighetsbok